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ALONG THE SPORT LINE

Local and Outside

JOE WOOD IS LIKELY TO JOIN CLEVELAND CLUB

New York, May 18—Joe Wood, former star pitcher of the Red Sox, may soon join the Cleveland Indians, and Tris Speaker is trying to fix it up with his new club to hand his old job, Smokey Joe's job. Rob McRoy, vice president of the Cleveland, who was secretary of the Red Sox when Wood pitched them into the World's Championship in 1912, is trying to win a deal with Joe Lannin by which Wood will come to Cleveland. However, it is said that Lannin is holding out for a stiff price for his former twirling star.

Wood really believes that he is able to pitch in his old-time form, and his showing in the pitching averages last year indicate that there is nothing wrong with Joe's work when he is able to pitch. He has been practicing with the Columbus club all spring, and says his arm feels fine. As Joe still is in his twenties, he should be able to win many games before he retires.

As Wood is a holdout, and is the property of Boston, the Cleveland cannot do business with him until Lannin consents. Cleveland once waived on Smokey Joe, but it is believed pressure was brought on the different clubs to waive on Wood. With clubs like Detroit, both St. Louis clubs, the Giants and Pittsburgh in bad need of pitchers, it is pretty hard to see how all waived a player good enough to win 15 out of 30 games and lead his league in earned runs.

ZIMMERMAN HAS PULLED NUMEROUS IVORY TOP PLAYS

The recent peculiar incident in a game in Chicago between the Cardinals and Cubs, when Jack Smith of the Cardinals stole third while Heinie Zimmerman left the base unprotected to carry Jack Miller's bat to him at the plate, has recalled a good many incidents of "bone" in the Great Zim's career, but one must not suppose that all the queer things he figures in are due to mental passes. For instance, Zim assisted in a play in a game between Cubs and Cards last year that showed he has a lot of craft in his makeup.

The game was a wild, woolly affair in which everything seemed to happen and finally Zimmerman came to bat. He had been spiked badly and had been out of the game for days.

He drove a ball far to center and limped to second, where he wanted to go. There were two out and two strikes on the batter. Manager Breckinridge delayed the game. He rushed to third base and ordered Zimmerman to get out and let him run. He asked Manager Higgins' consent to let him run and still keep Zimmerman in the game. He made every one in the game and most of the spectators know that he wanted to run for home. Then he whispered to Zimmerman to steal home on the next pitched ball.

Thrown off guard the Cardinals paid no attention to the ruse and Zimmerman stole home and won the game.

One of the funniest things in which Zimmerman has figured occurred in Brooklyn last year, when he walked off first base, which he had reached on a hit, and had nearly reached second before the paralyzed Superbas awoke and zipped him. It then appeared that Zim thought three hands were out, and he was looking for his glove.

COVELESKIE ROOTED IN GAME FOR BROTHER TO BEAT DETROIT PLAYERS

(Sporting News.)

If there is any one person who is pulling with might and main for Stanley Coveleskie to make good as an Indian, it is Brother Harry, the star southpaw of the Tigers.

Harry was sitting on the Detroit bench when Brother Stan was mowing down the Tigers in a recent conflict. It was in the fourth inning and Cobb was out first with none out and Bobby Veach at bat.

"Atta boy, Stan, Atta boy. Guess that brother of mine hasn't got something," he yelled as Veach fouled to Turner.

"That's it, Stan. You've got my number," he muttered as Sam Crawford hit a roller to Howard, forcing Cobb at second.

"Say, Harry, if you are going to root for Cleveland, go over on the Cleveland bench," shouted Oscar Vitt.

Brother Harry was dazed for a minute. He had forgotten Brother Stan was pitching against his own team.

"Say, fellows, I clean forgot," he said sheepishly, then he yelled as Hillmann went to bat: "Hit it outta 'em, Harry. That buster ain't got a thing but a prayer."

"It sure was funny," said Trainer Harry Rathill of Detroit in relating the incident.

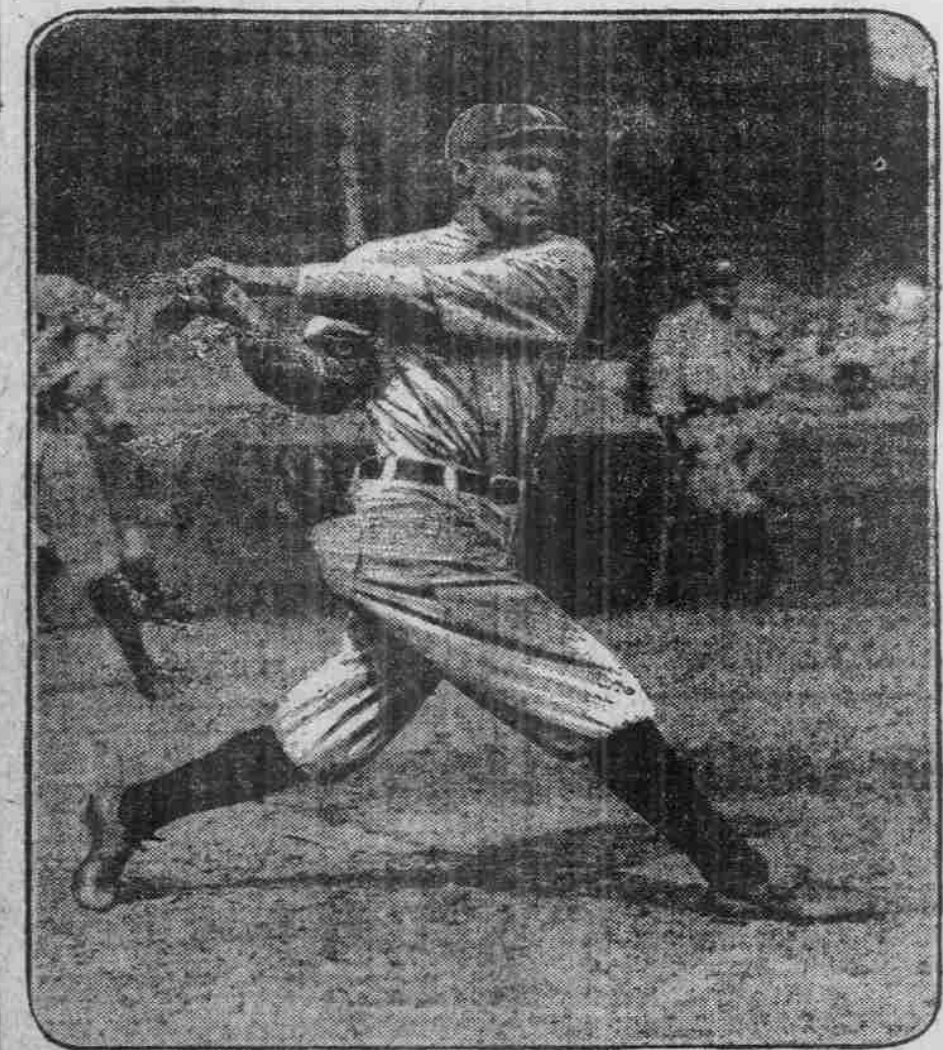
HEARTS BEAT PROSPECTS.

Yesterday afternoon at Seaside park the strong Sacred Heart nine defeated the Prospect school nine in an exciting 14 inning game. Conroy of the Hearts hit a record of 12 strike outs to his credit. A large crowd waited for the finish which was close to 7 o'clock.

The Hearts challenge the Lincolns, Shelton or Normal for a game next Friday. Answer through this page.

FLOWERS FOR
MOTHER'S DAY
JOHN RECK & SON.

PRESIDENT JOHN K. TENER SAYS BANCROFT OF PHILLIES IS CLASSIEST SHORTSTOP IN EITHER LEAGUE



New York, May 18—President John K. Tener of the National league advanced the opinion that the shortstop of his circuit are in a class by themselves. "Individually or collectively the National leaguers are far beyond anything in the American league," said the old league executive. "But that isn't anything really new. The National always has been superior to the American in the shortstop and of the game. The American league hasn't a man in Bancroft's class as a fielder. He appeals to me as one of the greatest shortstops the game has produced. And he hasn't reached the crest yet. Then there are Maranville of the Braves, Herge of the Reds, Fletcher of the Giants, Wagner of the Pirates and Olson of the Dodgers." Photo shows Bancroft, the Philadelphia National's sensational shortstop, at the bat.

M'KECHNIE'S GOOD PLAYING HAS KEPT THE GIANTS WINNING LINCOLN GIANTS AND LOCAL TEAM CLASH TOMORROW

New York, May 18—One of the leading reasons for the Giants' great spurt in the West is the manner in which Bill McKechnie has succeeded in plugging up the hole at third. McKechnie appeared to be going from bad to worse in the East; he could not hit, and his fielding was so bad that he was called "McGraw finally benched him, and placed the kid, Herb Hunter, at third.

Hunter was hurt after playing two games, and McKechnie got another chance. This time he availed himself of it, and has been playing great ball in the west. His hitting has improved considerably, and he now is playing a fancy game at third. It looks as though Bill has got back the old confidence.

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B. H. S. PLAYERS LOSE TO ANSONIA WASHBURN GIVEN SURPRISE BUT AT LAST WINS MATCH

Although the B. H. S. players gamely tried to overcome a big lead they were unable to do so and lost to Ansonia High at Seaside park yesterday by 11 to 10. The game was a close one for the locals but was wild and relied in favor of Nelson. The latter did better. Hawley twirled well for Ansonia and the visitors nearly lost the battle after he was taken out. Jones caught a good game for Bridgeport.

Annapolis, May 18—The Naval Academy defeated Georgetown yesterday afternoon by a score of 3 to 1. Blodgett had the edge on Kelly, though both pitched good ball.

Errors entered into the making of all the runs, but sharper work on the bases and good sacrifice hitting were the factors in the victory. Receiving one of Blodgett's fast ones on his lower arm, McCarthy of the visitors retired with a fractured bone in the fourth inning. The score by innings:

Georgetown 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 3 2
Naval 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 0—3 3 2

Batteries—Kelly and Hagar; Blodgett and Connolly.

MATTY AS YOUNGSTER WAS TURNED DOWN BY BUSH LEAGUE MANAGER

Mike O'Neill, now managing the Syracuse club in the New York State league, was playing in Scranton in 1893, when the manager of the club received a letter from a schoolboy pitcher in Factoryville, Pa., asking for a tryout.

"At the time I only wanted expenses to come down to Scranton for a trial, we decided to give him an opportunity," says O'Neill. "He came down and looked like a pretty good pitcher, but didn't set the world on fire, and after pitching a few amateur games around there, he went home and later went to college.

"Upon graduating from college, he joined the professional ranks and attained some prominence. You've probably heard of him. His name is Christy Mathewson. But I'll never forget the first time I saw him—just a big, light-haired kid, ambitious to make good as a pitcher."

ADVERTISE IN THE FARMER.

WELSH SIGNS TO BOX WHITE IN SO. AMERICA

New York, May 18—With the exception of a few minor details, the twenty round championship bout between Freddie Welsh, lightweight title holder and Charley White of Chicago, to take place in Buenos Aires some time in July or August, was arranged yesterday at a conference in the Hotel Cumberland between Billy Gibson, American representative of the Argentine promoters; Harry Pollok, manager of White; and Nate Lewis, manager of White.

The terms offered to the rival boxers were not announced but it is definite that White will get \$7,500 for his share of the purse, in addition to \$1,000 for training expenses and three round-trip tickets to Buenos Aires. Welsh probably will receive between \$25,000 and \$30,000, exclusive of three tickets to Buenos Aires and return and \$1,000 for incidental expenses.

MIKE GIBBONS TO TACKLE TED LEWIS IN RING TONIGHT

New York, May 18—Mike Gibbons, the elusive middleweight from St. Paul, will tonight face his first New York opponent since his clash with Packey McFarland at Brighton Beach last summer, when he meets Ted Kid Lewis, the English welterweight champion, in a ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden. Gibbons has kept far away from New York since the McFarland bout, but boxing fans have about forgotten his weak showing in that poor exhibition.

The St. Paul phantom has everything in his favor tonight. Gibbons will have many pounds advantage in weight over Lewis, but speed will be the dominant factor. Lewis is a boxer of rare defensive skill, and has a record for knocking out opponents that even Gibbons cannot match.

Mike, however, is of the type which prefers to outpoint rather than knock out a rival, but in a recent bout with Young Ahearn, whom he put away in 50 seconds, he showed that he packs a wallop powerful in the extreme.

In giving away many pounds to Gibbons, Lewis does not consider himself under a burdening handicap, for he has been accustomed to tackling opponents who outweigh him. In height and speed there is little to choose between the men, although there are those who think that Gibbons has no equal when it comes to speed.

At the suggestion of Gibbons, Chairman Fred A. Wenck of the State Athletic commission yesterday assumed the responsibility of naming the referee for tonight's encounter, selecting from a list of 10 prospects Bill Brown, who has refereed many of the more important bouts held in New York recently.

The Bridgeport Stars are all ready for their game with the Lincoln Giants of New York at Newfield park tomorrow afternoon. Johnny Barron, the local boy who belongs to Lawrence of the Eastern league, will probably start on the mound for the Stars. Speed Finn, the Remington pitcher who made a strikeout record in a recent game, will also work part of the game.

Flaherty, the Remington catcher who also belongs to the Lawrence club, will be behind the bat for the Stars. Jimmy Burns, Tommy Bowden, Brono Slizer and other good players will be with the locals. The Giants have some funny coaches and one of the best pitchers in the country in Redding. The game will start at 3:45 in order to accommodate the U. M. C. employees.

SLUGGING OF CUBS BEATS BROOKLYN

Chicago, May 18.—With the tender of the new Cub machine loaded with pep, the Bruins yesterday bumped the Brooklyn Dodgers into a 7 to 2 defeat. The wallpuling pulled the Cubs down to a tie with the incoming Braves.

The right garden wall came in for attention during the matinee. This made it necessary for Manager Robinson to turn the hurlers to the mound. Pfeffer, retiring at the end of the fifth, Appleton lasting two innings, and Mails the same.

There were six potent reasons for the exit of Pfeffer—two home runs and four doubles. There might have been others but these were enough. The home runs came in the third inning, two of the doubles came in the third, and were good for three runs. There was one on the bases when Schulte made his circuit smash, but Williams had to amble around unpaid.

All told the Cubs were good for 11 safe hits which totaled 23 bases. Of these Schulte got two, in addition to a pair of walks, which gave him a batting average of 1,000. Williams pre-empted a similar average with a homer, a double, and two singles in four trips to the plate. The going was good. Gene Packard, who batted last, mastered game for the Bruins, also gathered a perfect record, getting two doubles and a single in three times up.

SCHENNER, OF GIANTS' RECRUITS, MAKING GOOD WITH ALBANY CLUB NOW

New York, May 18—When the Giants were at Marlin this spring it was said that McGraw's recruits were the most promising he had had in a long while, and the records the youngsters have made for themselves in various minor leagues bears out this statement. Only the twenty-one player limit prevented many of them from being retained.

One "rookie" who has made particularly good is Joe Schenner, who is a product of the semi-pro ranks in the vicinity of Pittsburgh. Schenner, who looked to have the makings of a great third baseman in him, was farmed out to the Albany club, which is managed by George Witte, and McGraw has kept in touch with the veteran pitcher concerning the lad's progress.

He has already received many glowing reports about Schenner's work and seems certain that Joe will be among those present when the club gathers at Marlin next spring.

Lieut. Immelmann of the German Air Corps has shot down his 15th enemy airplane.

THE PASSING SHOW

BRIDGEPORT GETS MAN FROM BOSTON RED SOX

Owner Gus Knorr of the Bridgeport club, who is interviewing all comers while the club is on the road, talked with Manager Ball over the "phone" from Boston this morning, but the wire connection was so poor that Gus didn't have much information after he got through. All he learned was that Ball had secured a player from the Boston Red Sox, who was to report today. Gus couldn't catch the name of the player.

The magnate said he supposed Manager Ball had completed arrangements for the securing of Pitcher McQuillen, who is still with the Phillies. The man Bridgeport got is a youngster, who was highly praised by the New York Sun recently. The signing of an experienced catcher will probably be announced in a few days.

Manager Ball hopes to have a strong club in the field by the time Bridgeport tackles New London at Newfield park Sunday. Gene McCann's team will be a big drawing card.

The Lawrence club will protest against Eastern league clubs playing Sundays at Stamford if Johnny Barron of this city is to pitch for the local boy on with Sammy Walt of Hartford. Walt isn't satisfied with the trimming McAuliffe gave him in New Haven and has been yelling loudly for another chance. He'd better go away on a long journey before it's too late.

It is said that Benny Van Dyke, a veteran southpaw pitcher of the old New England league, has taken a job at the Remington Arms plant. Van Dyke was recently traded by Worcester to Scranton, but refused to go.

It looks as if Red Cap Wilson will have a chance to show his wares in this city at the show of the Black Rock A. C. which will be put on May 26 or 29. Wilson is the youngest

brought here from New York state by Al Jennings. The youngster will probably be matched with Young McAuliffe for the star bout. Those who have seen Wilson work at Levin's camp in Stratford say the boy will make them all hustle.

The wonderful showing of the Giants on the western trip has the experts puzzled. They don't know whether to say the western teams are poor or that the McGraw players have at last begun to display signs of pepper.

Owner Dreyfuss of the Pirates denies the story that he is to sell the club. Because of the poor showing of the Pirates a change in ownership would probably be welcomed by Pittsburgh fans.

Hartford has secured Pitcher Anderson and Catcher Solon from the Baltimore Internationals. With Pat O'Connor behind the bat Hartford looks like a pretty strong combination now.

Young McAuliffe is in great demand for bouts around the state. He may meet Packey Hommer of New York in a star bout in New Haven next week. Meriden club wants to put the local boy on with Sammy Walt of Hartford. Walt isn't satisfied with the trimming McAuliffe gave him in New Haven and has been yelling loudly for another chance. He'd better go away on a long journey before it's too late.

After resting since Sunday the Bridgeport players ought to be able to do something in Worcester today. Some of the boys on the payroll will have to produce very soon or they will be at liberty, as they say on the stage.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.		
At St. Louis—	R. H. E.	
St. Louis.....	9 15 1	
St. Paul.....	3 8 5	
At Chicago—	R. H. E.	
Chicago.....	7 11 2	
Brooklyn.....	2 10 1	
At Cincinnati—	R. H. E.	
Boston.....	7 12 1	
Cincinnati.....	1 4 2	

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Brooklyn	13	8	.619
Boston	13	8	.619
Philadelphia	13	10	.565
Chicago	14	13	.519
St. Louis	14	14	.500
Cincinnati	12	17	.414
New York	9	13	.409
Pittsburgh	11	16	.407

GAMES TODAY.
New York in St. Louis.
Brooklyn in Chicago.
Boston in Cincinnati.
Philadelphia in Pittsburgh.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.		
At Washington—	R. H. E.	
Washington.....	6 9 1	
Detroit.....	4 11 2	
At Philadelphia—	R. H. E.	
St. Louis.....	7 11 1	
Philadelphia.....	4 10 9	

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Cleveland	19	9	.679
Washington	18	9	.667
New York	13	12	.520
Boston	13	13	.500
Detroit	13	16	.447
Chicago	12	16	.429
Philadelphia	10	16	.385
St. Louis	9	16	.360

GAMES TODAY.
Detroit in New York.
St. Louis in Boston.
Chicago in Philadelphia.
Cleveland in Washington.

Eastern League

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.
All games postponed on account of rain.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.			
	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
New London	11	2	.846
Portland	9	6	.643
Springfield	8	6	.571
Lawrence	8	8	.500
Lynn	7	6	.538
Lowell	8	7	.532
New Haven	5	9	.357
Hartford	4	8	.333
Bridgeport	5	11	.312
Worcester	4	9	.308

GAMES TODAY.
Bridgeport at Worcester.
New Haven at Lynn.
Hartford at Lowell.
Springfield at Lawrence.
New London at Portland.

American Association

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.		
At Kansas City—	R. H. E.	
Louisville.....	2 7 0	
Kansas City.....	4 10 1	
Batteries—Moran and Williams; Sanders and Berry.		
At St. Paul—	R. H. E.	
Toledo.....	3 10 1	
St. Paul.....	2 4 1	
Batteries—Kaiserling and Sweeney; Douglas and Land.		
At Milwaukee—	R. H. E.	
Indianapolis.....	2 7 2	
Milwaukee.....	6 7 2	

Batteries—Aldridge, Rose and Gossett; Slapnicka and Mayer.
At Minneapolis—Columbus. Minneapolis game postponed; wet grounds.

Southern Association

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.		
At Atlanta—	R. H. E.	
Atlanta.....	3 6 1	

GIANTS GRAB 7TH STRAIGHT ON ROAD TRIP

St. Louis, May 18—The New York Giants crawled out of the dismal cellar of the National league yesterday afternoon at Robinson park when the McGraw warriors won their seventh consecutive victory in beating the Cardinals by 9 to 3.

It was the first appearance of the Giants in St. Louis, and they did not look like trailers. Instead they played like champions and made the biggest impression on the home folks than either the Robins or Phillies.

By virtue of the victory the Giants are now resting in seventh place, only five points behind the Cincinnati Reds, who are slipping fast.

Fred Anderson, the former Federal league star, took care of the pitching for the Giants, while Robertson, Doyle, Kauff, Fletcher, Merkle, etc., took care of the pitchers Miller Huggins trotted out during the course of the day. There were three of them and the visitors showed no discrimination by, clothing each with vim and vigor.

Fifteen solid blows was the damage inflicted by the Giants on Willie Doak, Leg Meadows and Bill Steele, the St. Louis pitchers. Merkle lapped out a home run, Kauff and Fletcher chipped in each with a triple and a single, McKechnie got a single, Doyle a double and a single and Robertson a double. Every player on the New York team got at least one hit, except Red Doak, who replaced Bardeen behind the bat late in the game.

Not satisfied with mauling Messrs. Doak, Meadows and Steele, the visitors by daring work on the bases, forced Huggins to lift "Big Frank" Snyder from behind the bat after the fourth inning. In three innings the Giants stole five bases, pulling off a double steal in the first and again in the second inning.

OWNER LANNIN OF RED SOX SUFFERS BY SPEAKER'S LOSS

(Worcester Post.)

While there is not the least bit of doubt that Manager Carrigan has already missed the famous Tris Speaker from his lineup and will continue to feel his absence, probably the one person who will miss the famous outfielder's absence the most will be Joseph Lannin, owner of the Red Sox. Lannin will not be regarded as the drawing card they formerly were.

It is a known fact that the big southern outfielder was responsible on an average of bringing in the 1500 fans into the ball grounds because of his all-around work. To prove this assertion one might refer to the Cleveland game in New York last Saturday, when 25,000 fans were present. This is the largest crowd that ever attended a game played by the Yanks.

Practically one-half of the crowd cheered Speaker's first appearance, and to say that thousands of them turned out for the sole purpose of seeing him in a Cleveland uniform would not be an exaggeration. So with Speaker gone, and a former major league type, a lad who shuns publicity. Neither Hooper nor Lewis, while both great pastimers, have the push of Speaker, while all of the Sox pitchers, although rated well the best in the game, are just ordinary performers in the publicity game.

Furthermore Manager Bill Carrigan is one of the quietest managers of the ball field, which detracts a lot from the Sox drawing power. Of course, the Sox as world's champions, will be an attraction of more than ordinary looking, but still with all their honors they will be decidedly shy with Speaker, the second best drawing card in baseball gone.

ANNIVERSARIES OF RING BATTLES

1900—Ed McCoy defeated Dan Creedon in 5 rounds at New York. This was one of the most one-sided exhibitions ever staged in a New York ring. Creedon, an Australian and a former middleweight champion of that country, was known as a game, hard-hitting fighter, but he stood as much chance with McCoy as an ivy leaf at the quarter. A big crowd filled the Broadway A. C., expecting to see a hard fought, but only a few rounds had been fought when the fans began clamoring for the referee to stop the fight. McCoy was using his "mouse" tactics, with poor old Creedon cast for the role of the mouse. There was no doubt in the minds of any of the spectators that McCoy had his man completely at his mercy, and could knock him out at any time. The Hoosier was a bit peeved at Creedon, however, and he took his time about putting on the finishing touches. In the sixth round McCoy decided that the time had come to put an end to the farce, and he put over his famous corkscrew punch. It is doubtful if Creedon could have got up within the allotted time, but he was making a game effort when his seconds mercifully tossed in the sponge.

DR. STEVENS ILL.

Dr. Frank W. Stevens has been ill in bed at his home, 325 Myrtle avenue, for the last three days. He is suffering from a severe cold and general run-down condition, but is now improving and expects to resume practice shortly.